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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Case et al.

Application No.: 09/925,796

Filed: August 9, 2001

For: FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS USING
ZINC FINGER PROTEINS

Examiner: John S. Brusca

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No.: 5123

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AFTER FINAL**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 9, 2003. Because this reply is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action (*i.e.*, before February 9, 2004), **expedited procedure after final** is requested.

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